



Natural SUSY On Trial: Status of Higgsino Searches at ATLAS

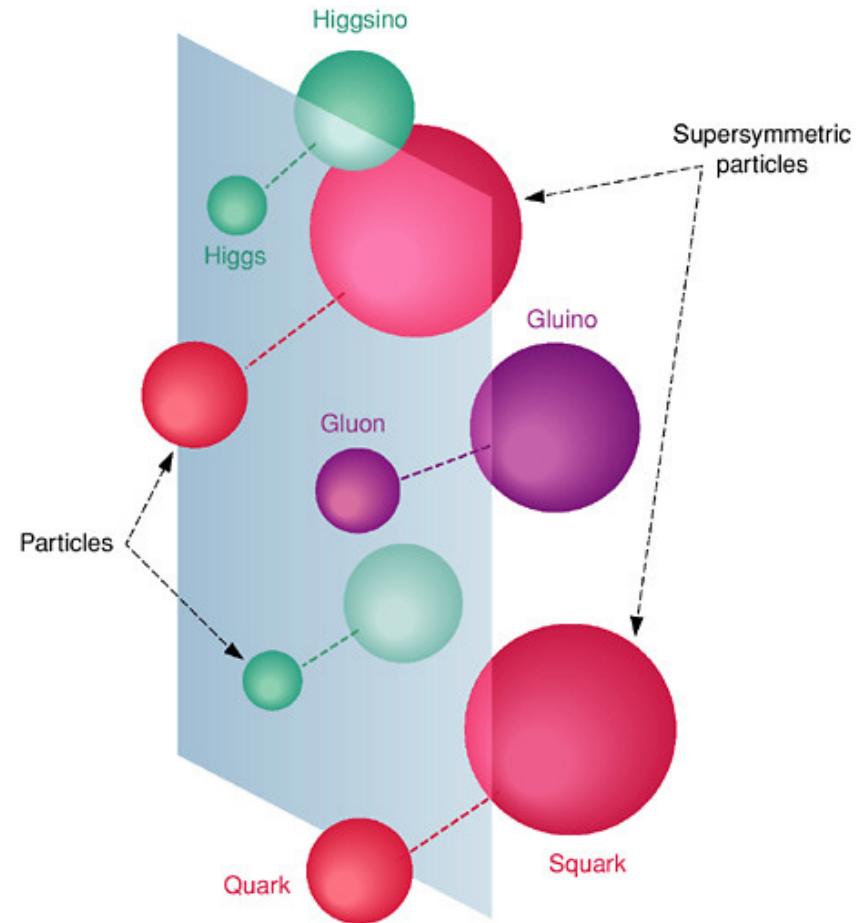
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SUSY (The Defendant)

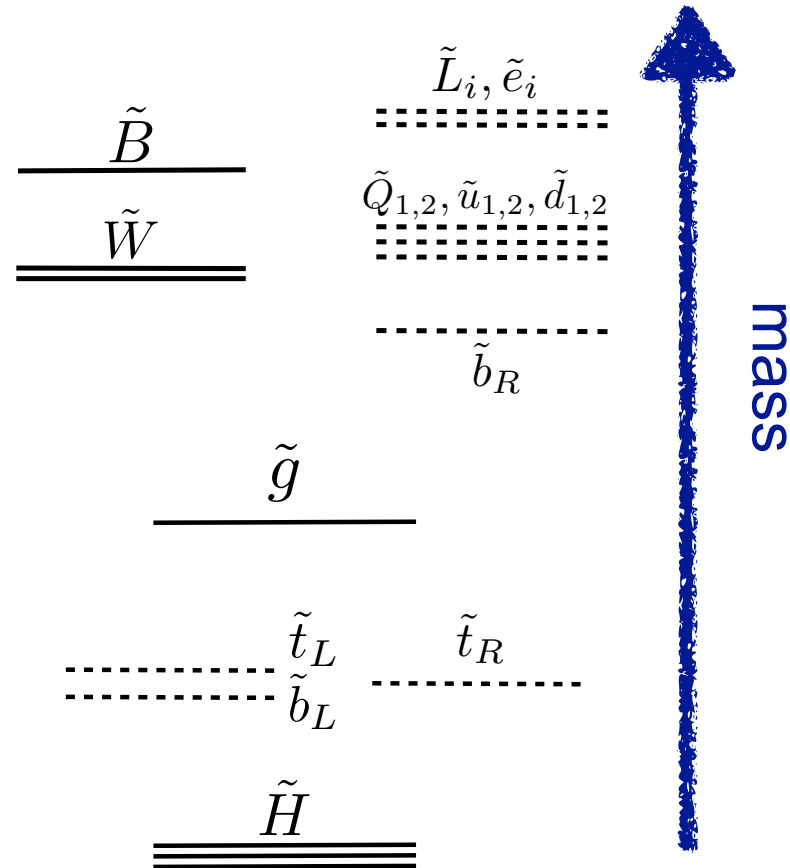
- Provides unification of forces, dark matter candidate, and solution to hierarchy problem
 - Higgs mass quadratic corrections cancelled by new supersymmetric partners; **higgsinos, stops and gluinos** especially influential
- ➔ What do we search for first?



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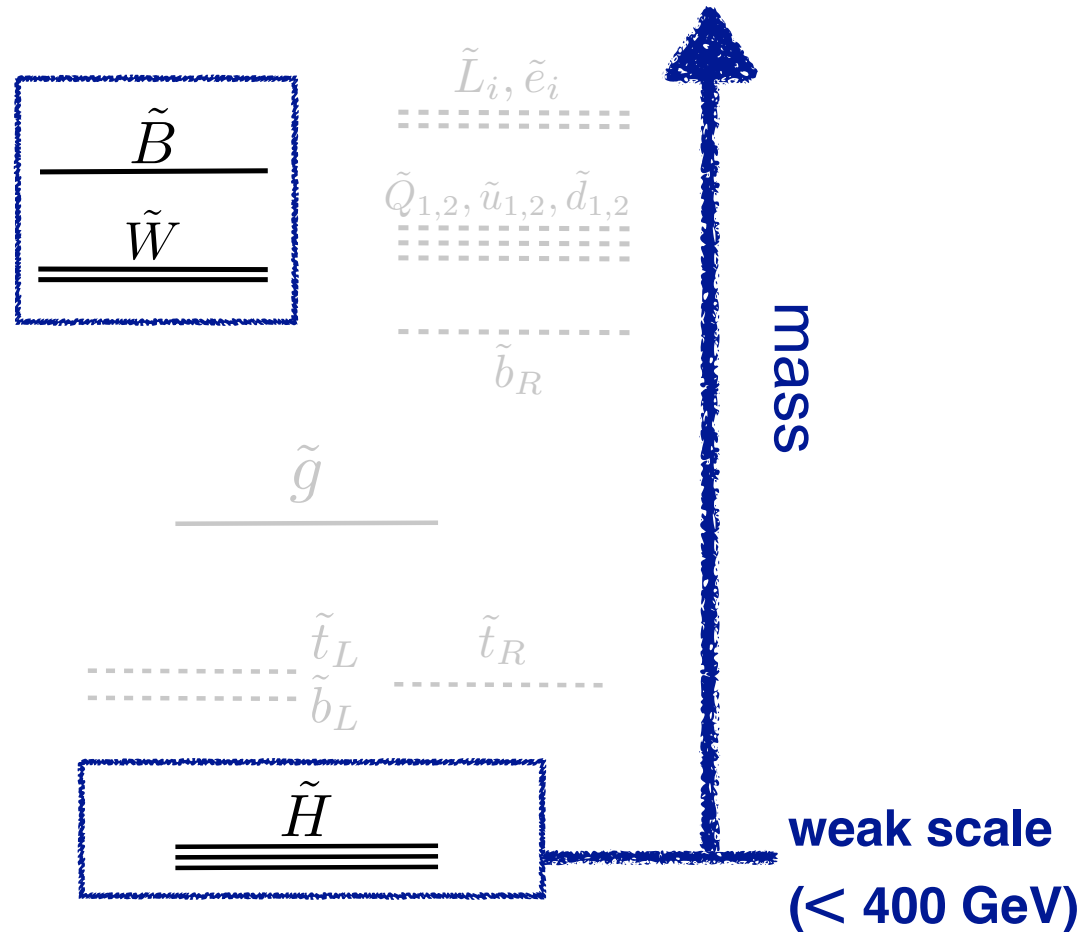
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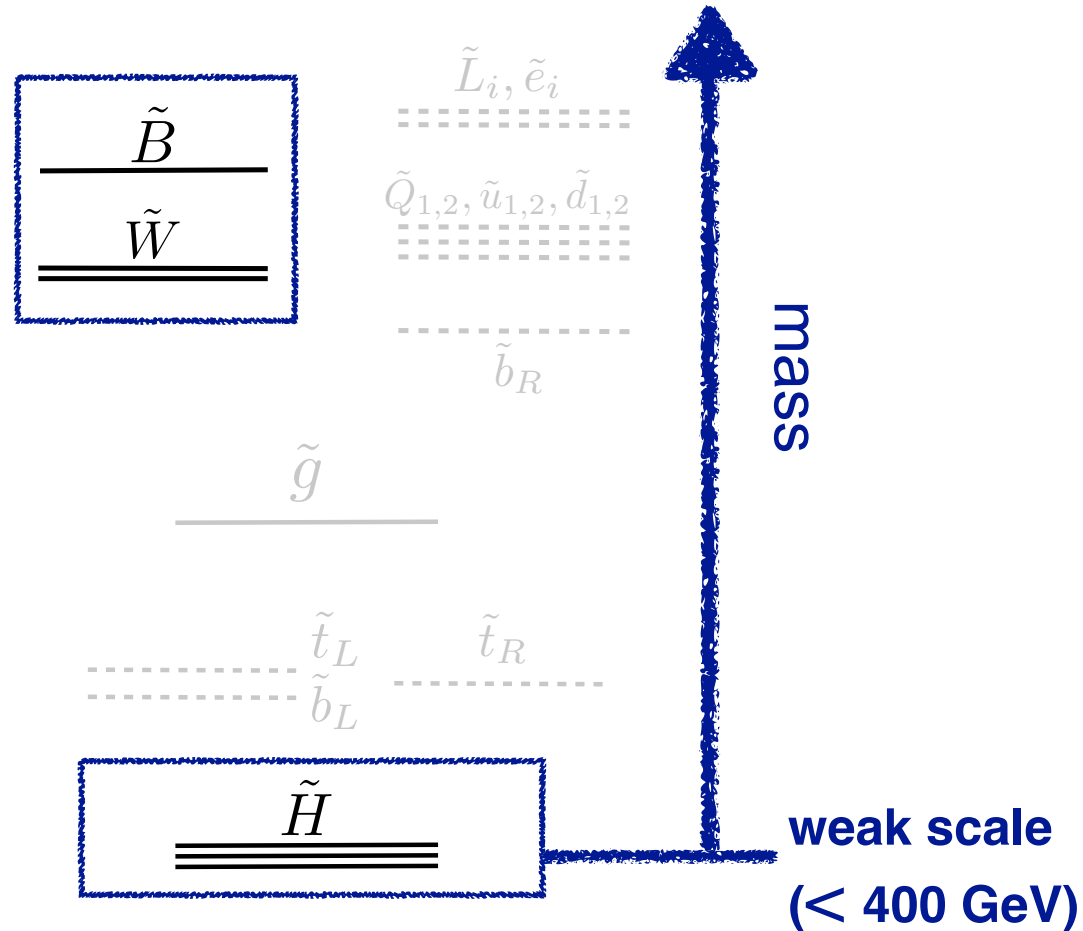


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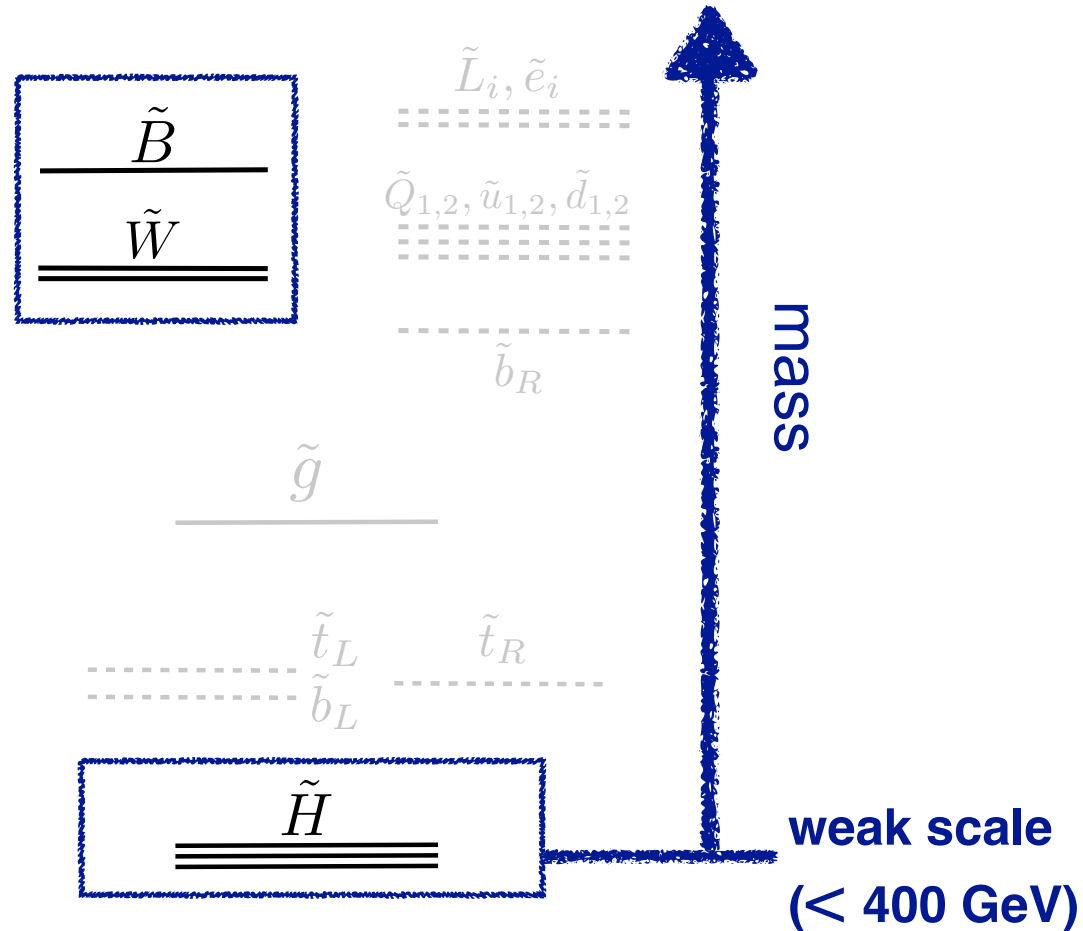
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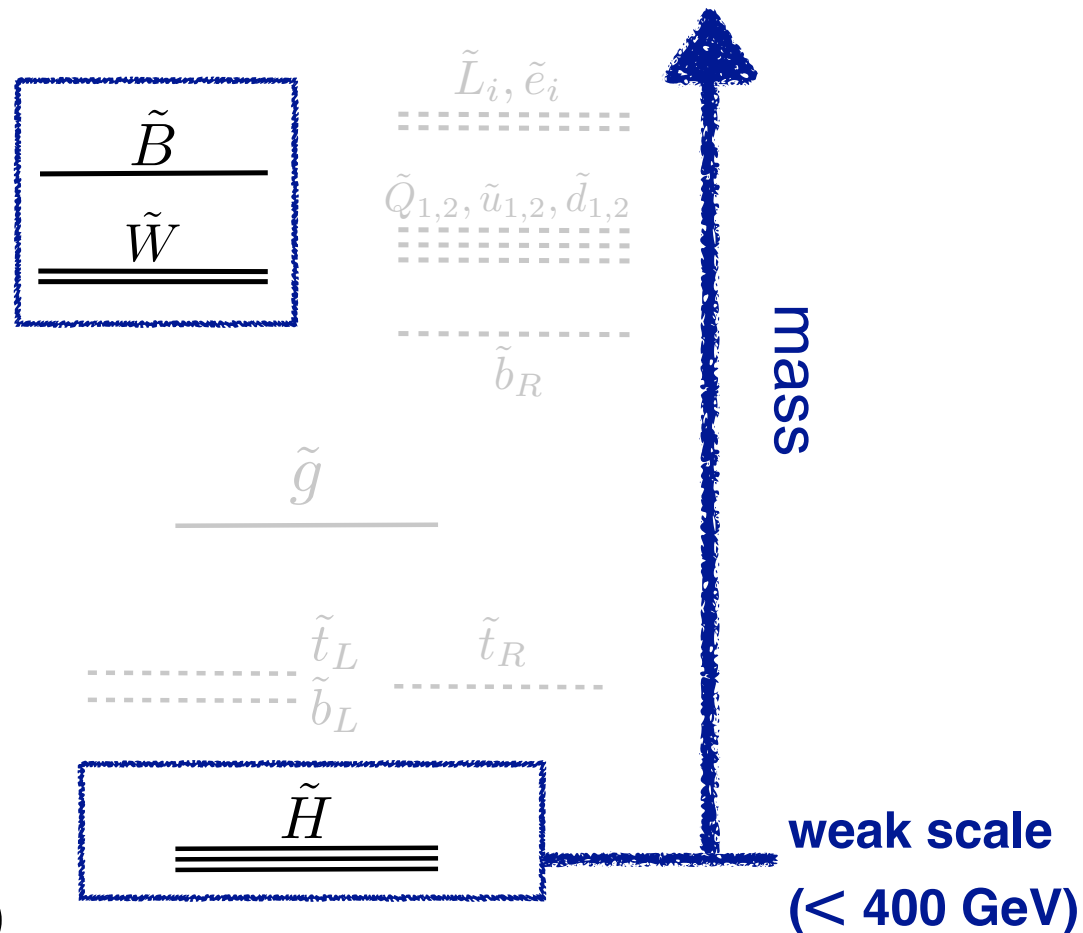
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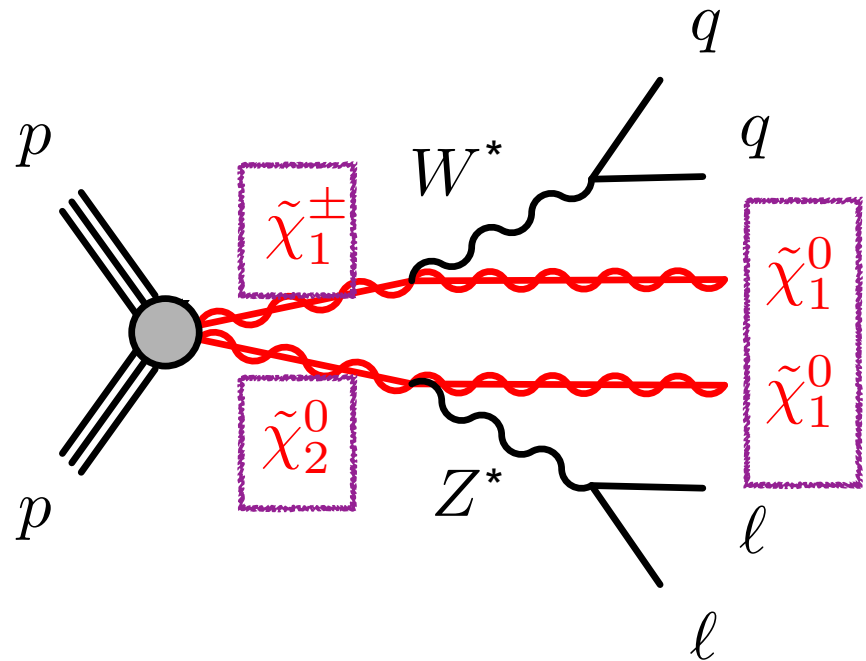
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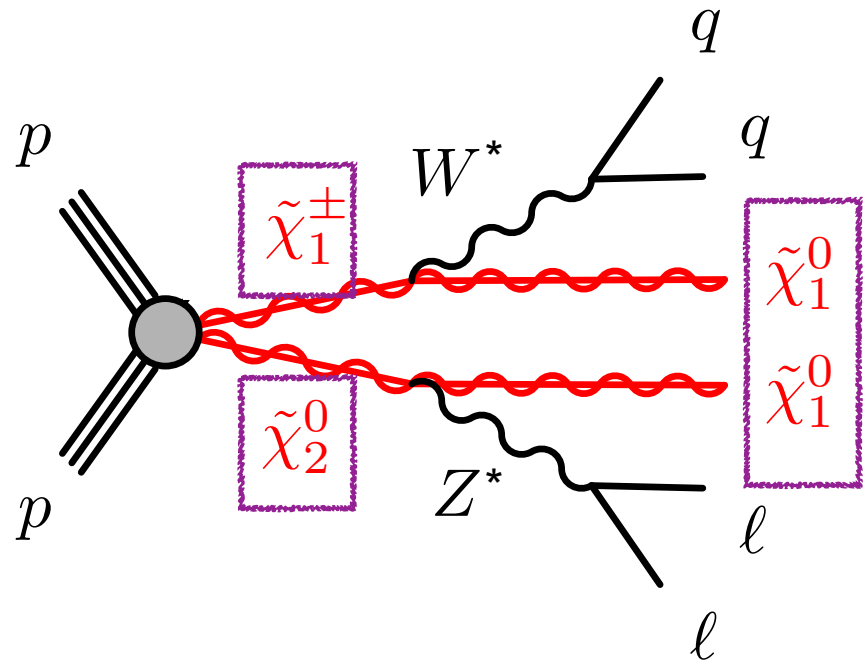
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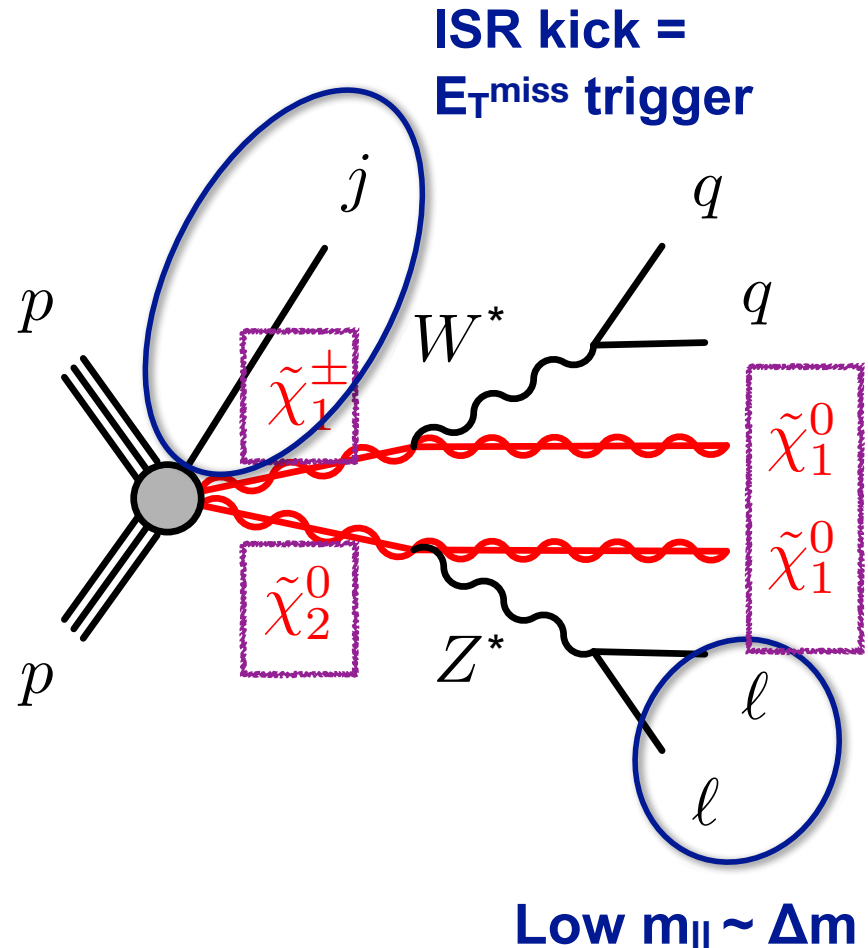
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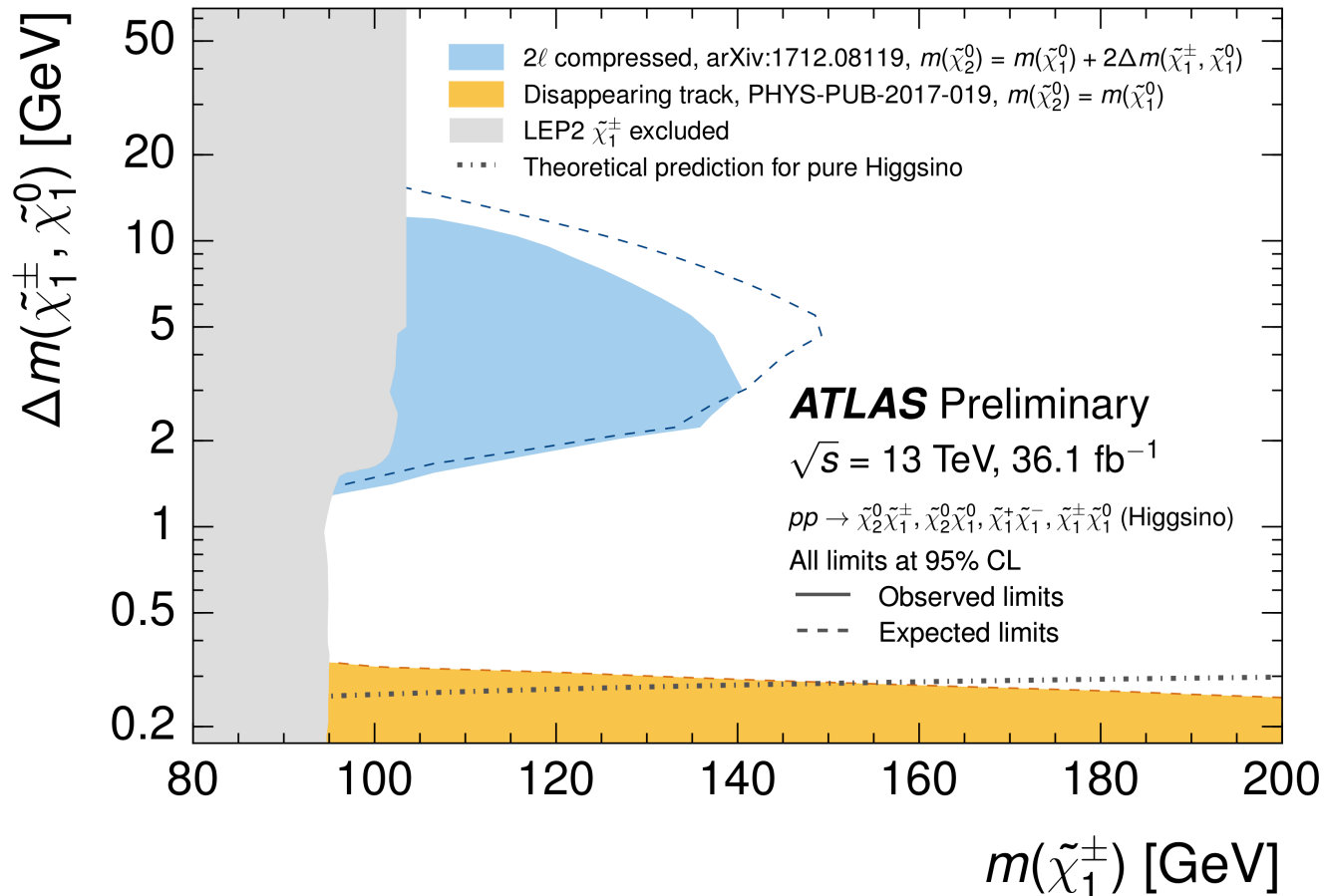
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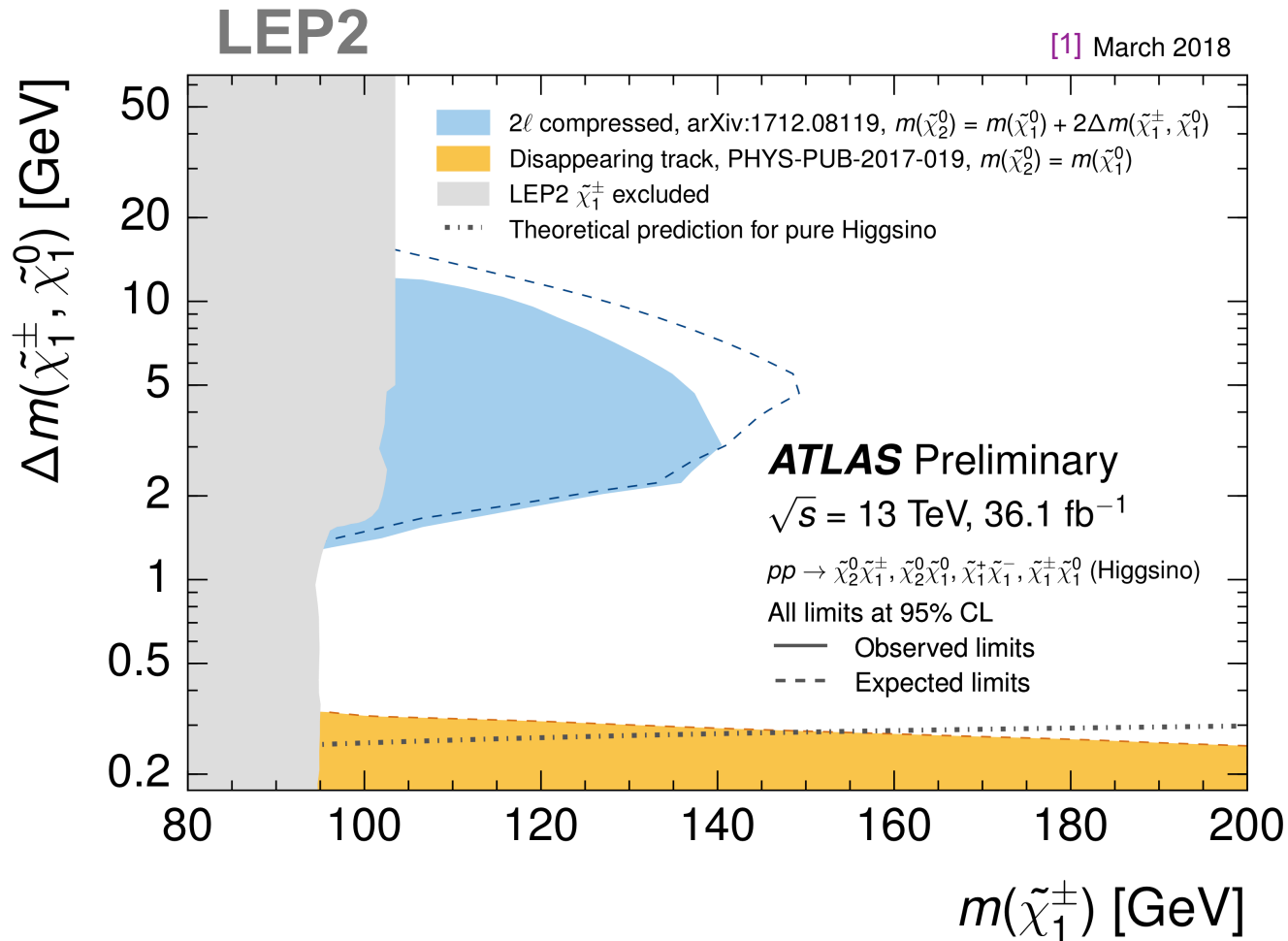
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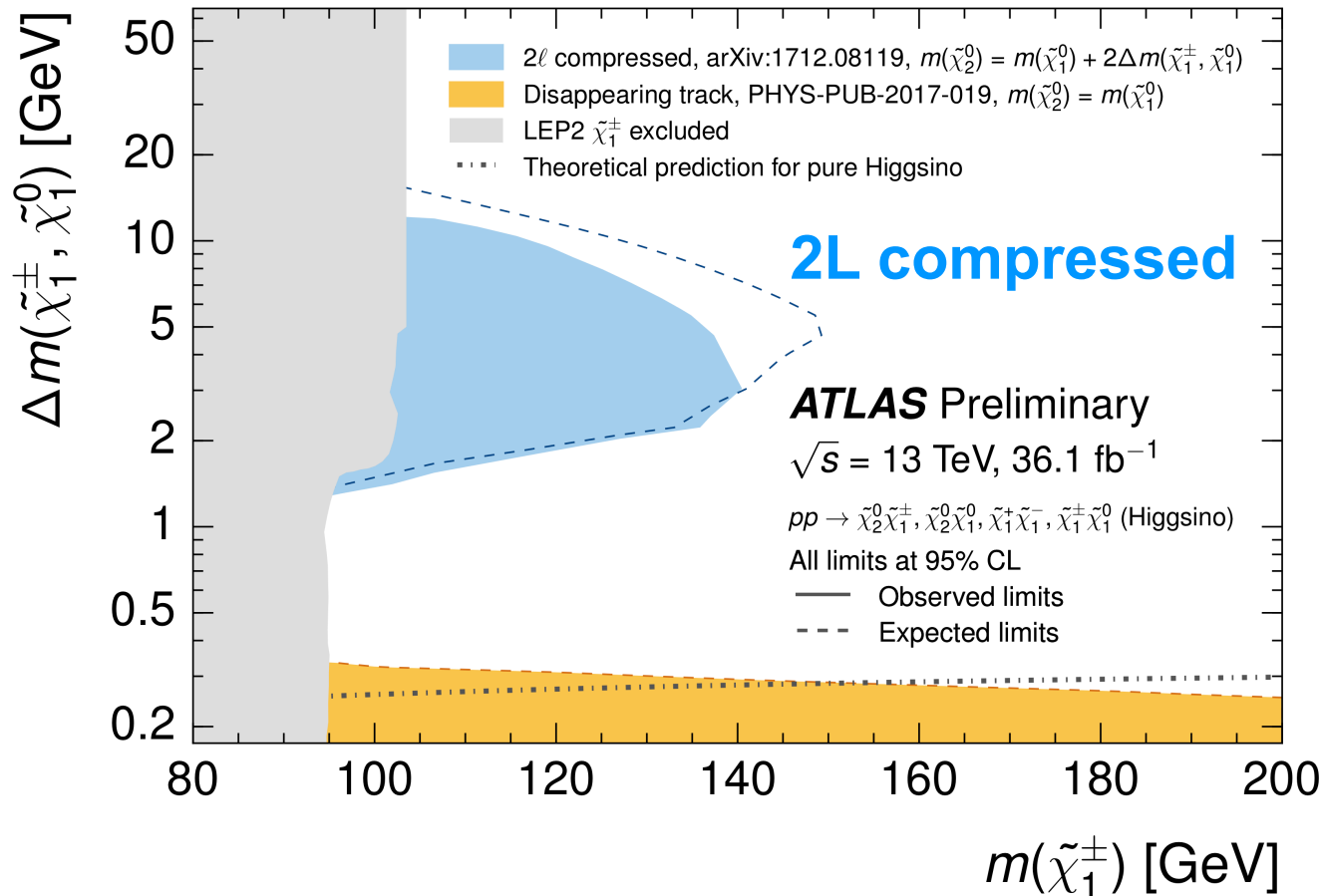
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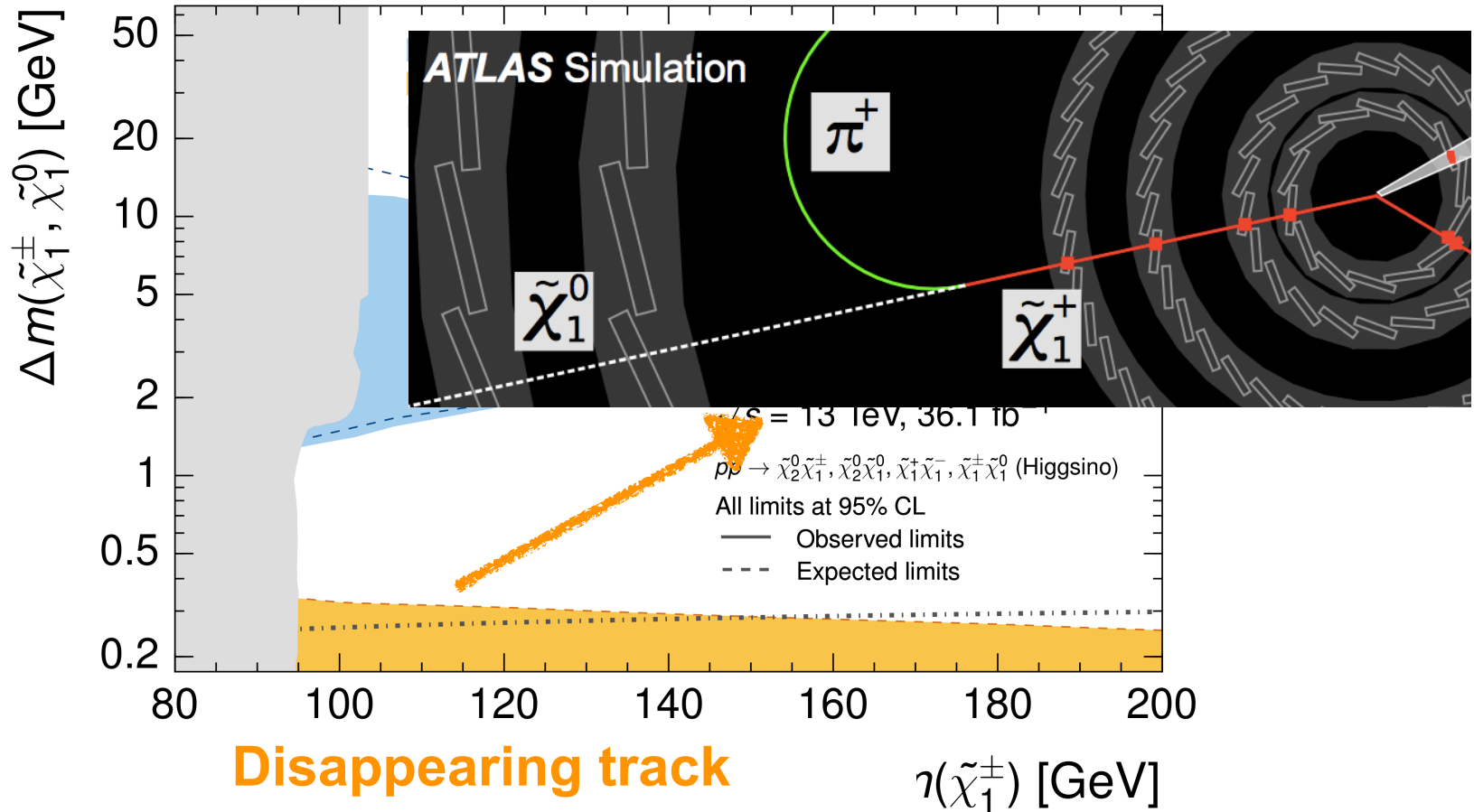
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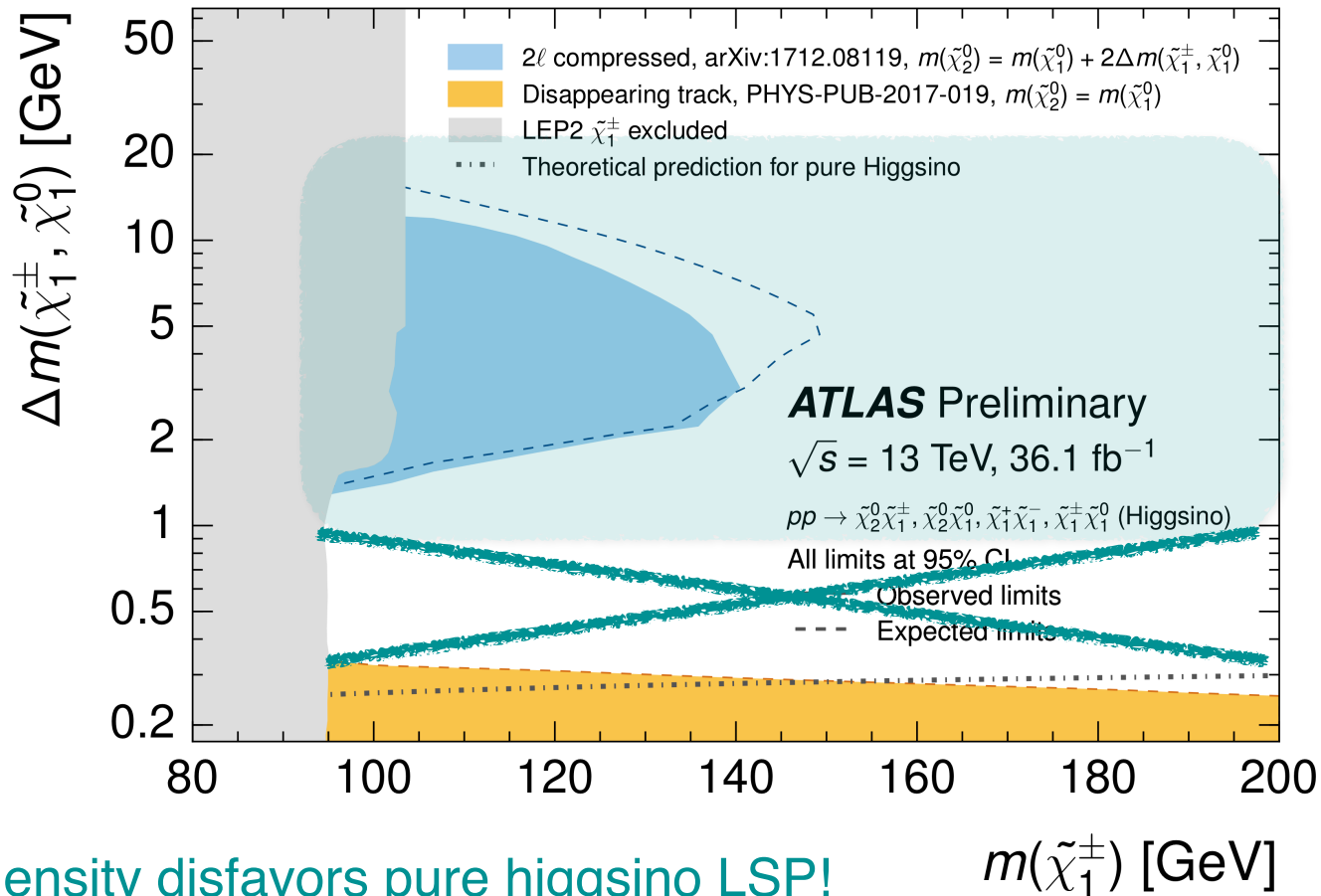


[2] ATL-PHYS-PUB-2017-19

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Relic density disfavors pure higgsino LSP!
 (Well-Tempered Neutralino) [3]

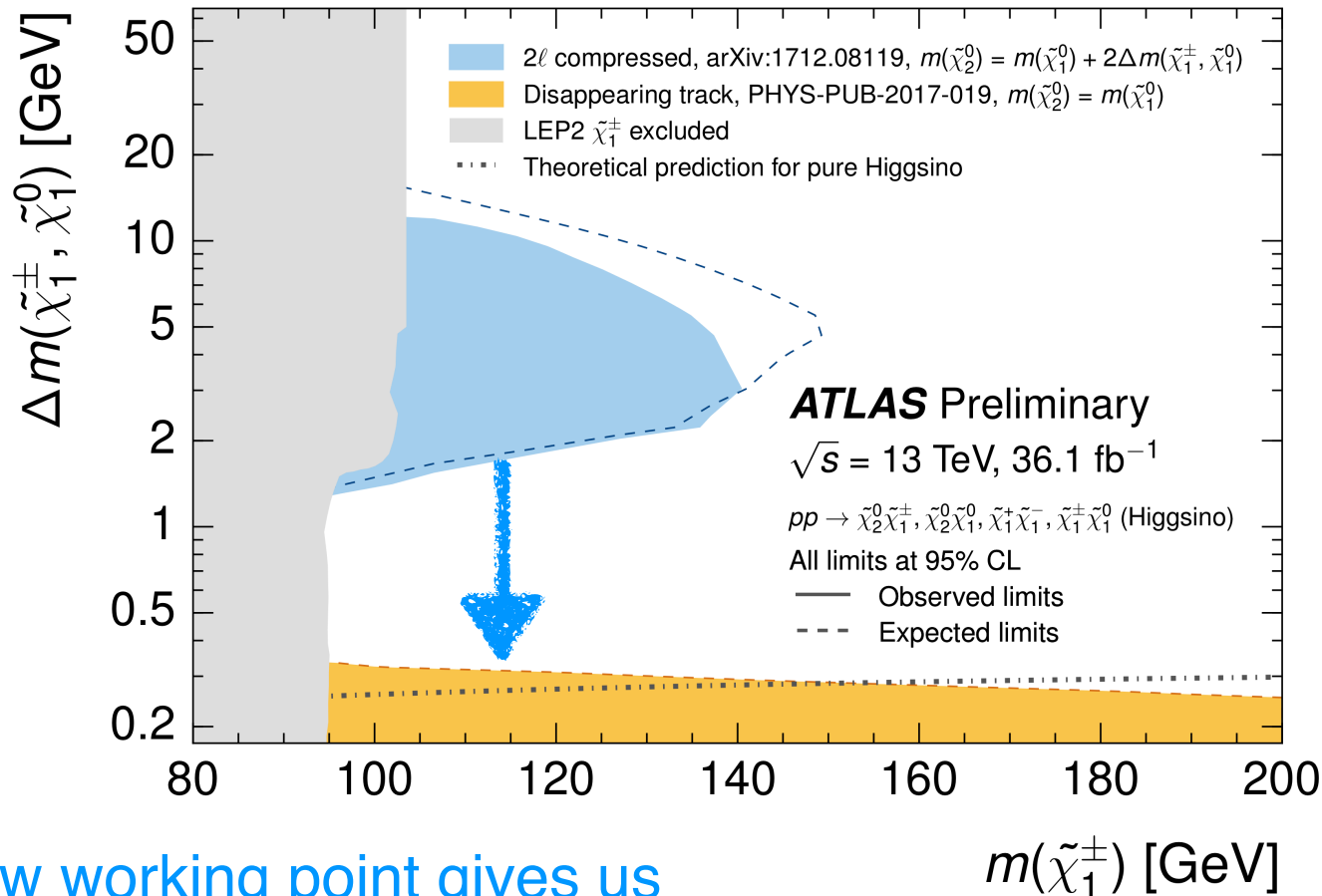
$m(\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm)$ [GeV]

[3] [arXiv:0601041](https://arxiv.org/abs/0601041)

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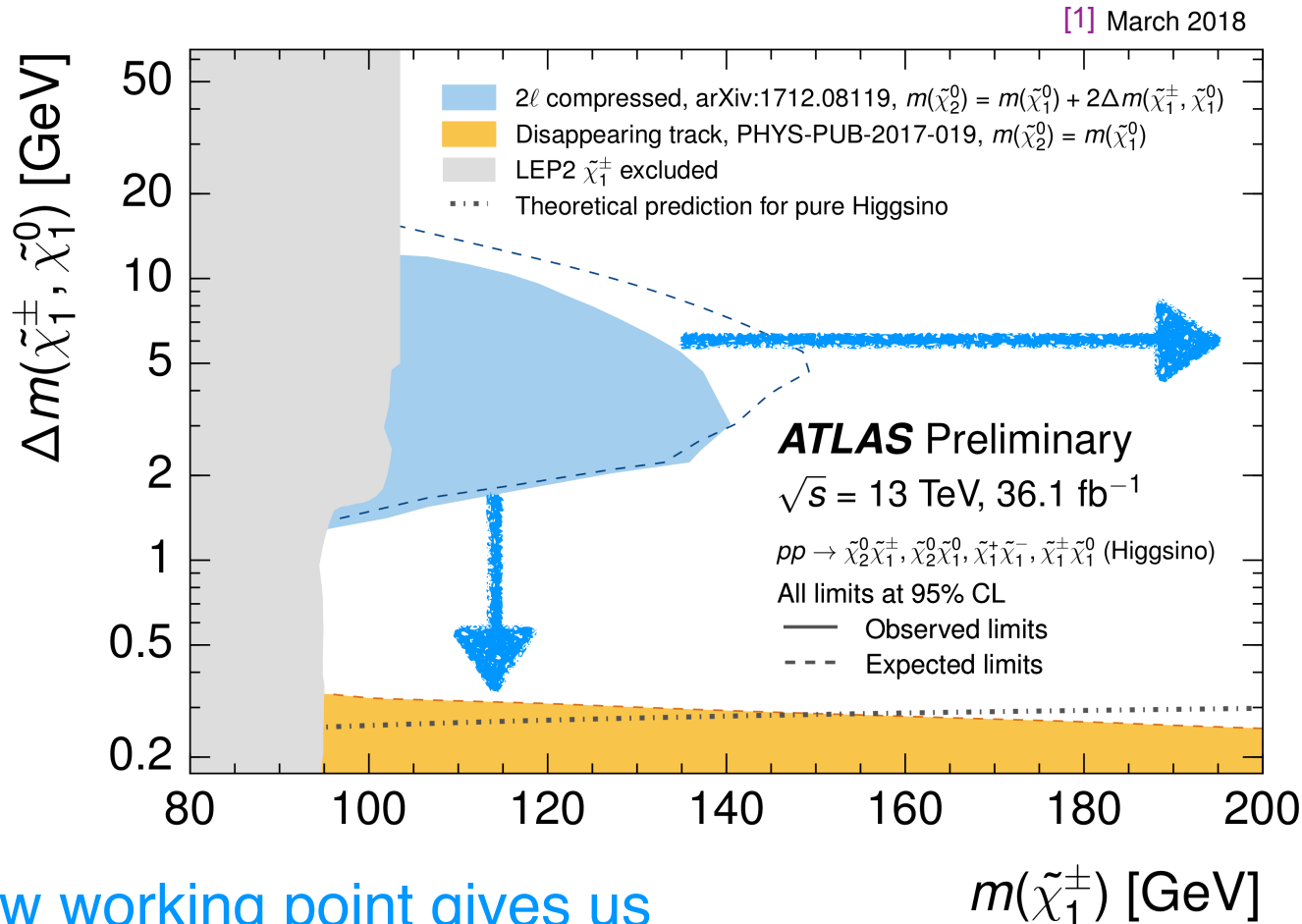
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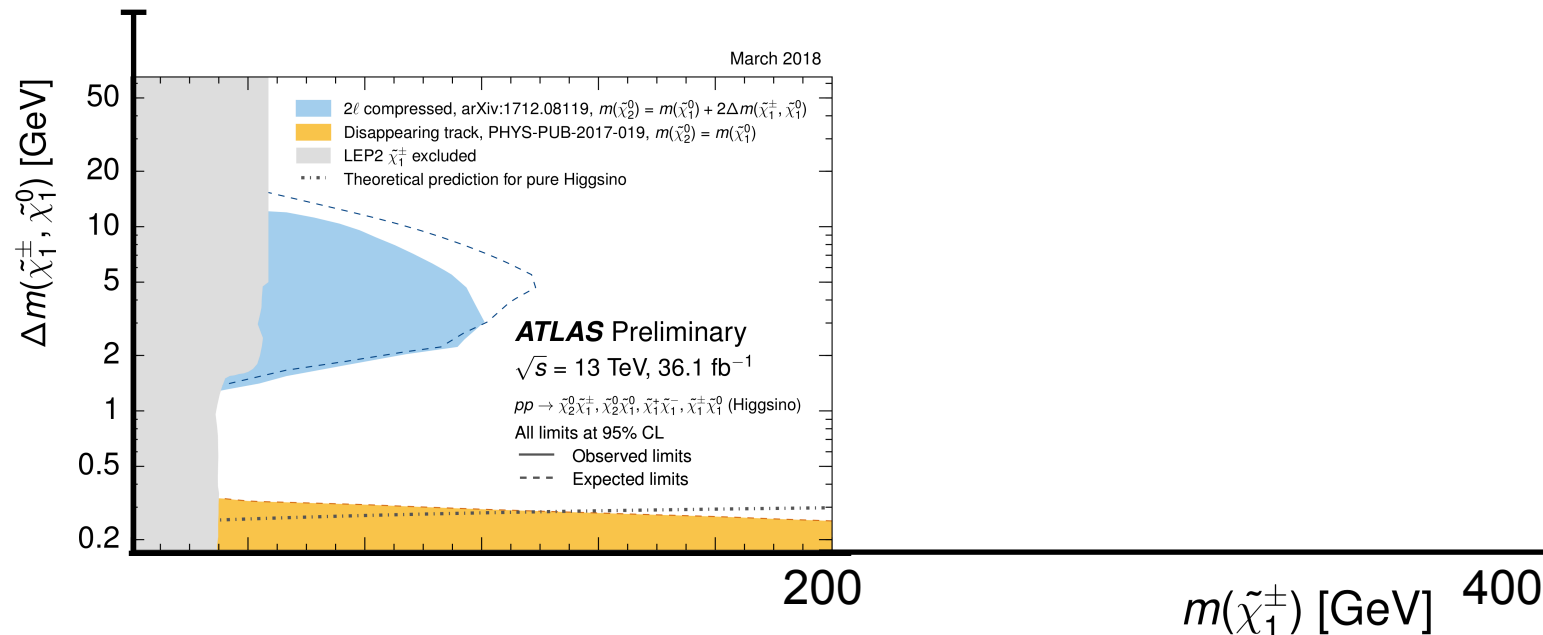


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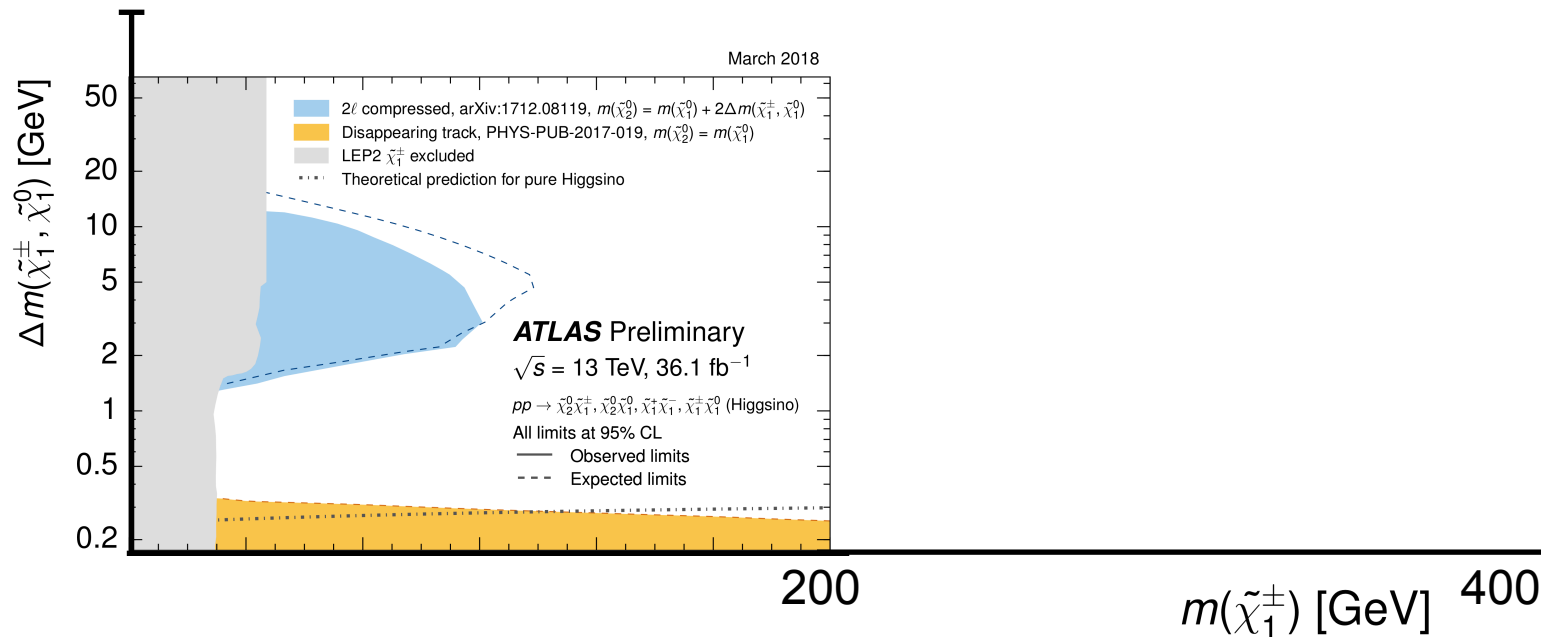
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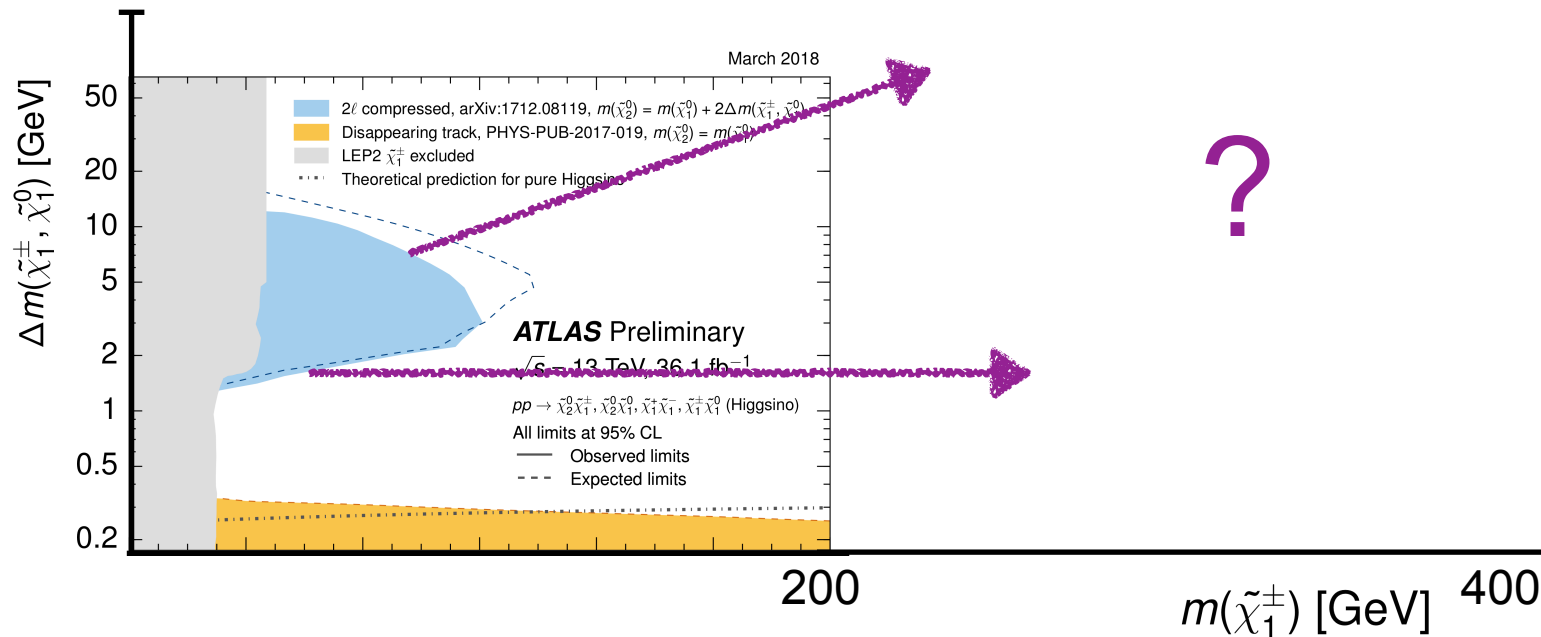
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- Up next: softer leptons, 1L + track, HL-LHC! (2026+)

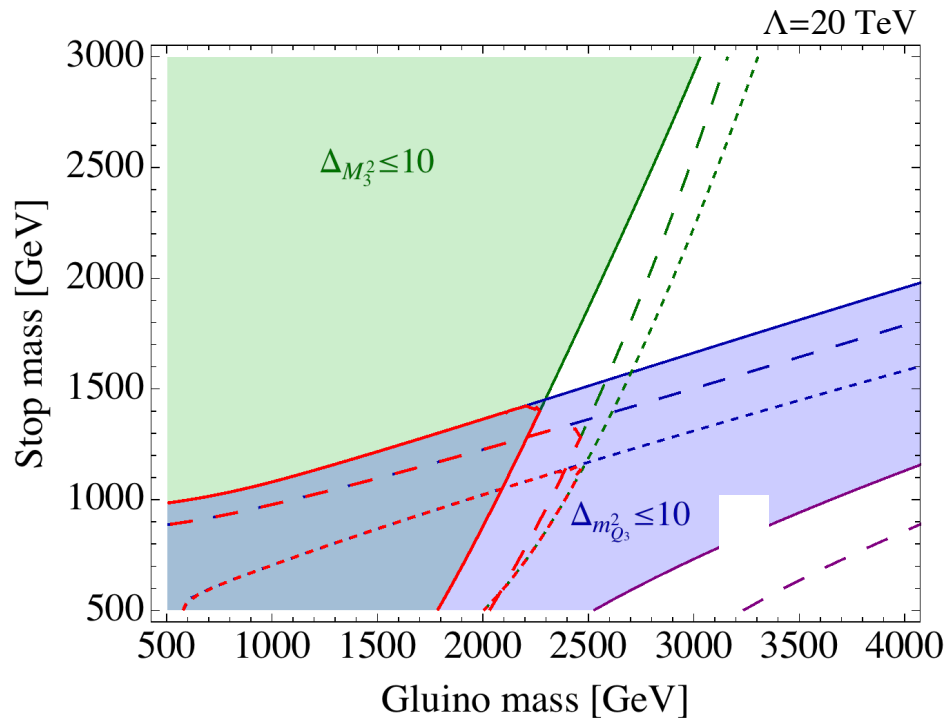


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Backup

Precision Corrections to Fine Tuning

Buckley, Monteux, Shih [arXiv:1611.05873](https://arxiv.org/abs/1611.05873)



$$m_H^2 = m_{H,bare}^2 + \Delta m^2 - \Delta m^2$$

$\Delta m^2 = |\mu|^2$ (at tree level)

$$\Delta \equiv \frac{2\delta m_H^2}{m_h^2} \leq 10$$

$\mu \leq 400 \text{ GeV}$

Why Quasi-Degenerate?

Depends on neutrino mass matrix in MSSM! Using $(\tilde{B}^0, \tilde{W}^0, \psi_d^0, \psi_u^0)$ basis

$$M_{\tilde{N}^0} = \begin{pmatrix} M_1 & 0 & -m_W t_{\theta_W} c_\beta & m_W t_{\theta_W} s_\beta \\ 0 & M_2 & m_W c_\beta & -m_W s_\beta \\ -m_W t_{\theta_W} c_\beta & m_W c_\beta & 0 & -\mu \\ m_W t_{\theta_W} s_\beta & -m_W s_\beta & -\mu & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad M_{\tilde{C}} = \begin{pmatrix} M_2 & \sqrt{2} s_\beta m_W \\ \sqrt{2} c_\beta m_W & \mu \end{pmatrix}$$



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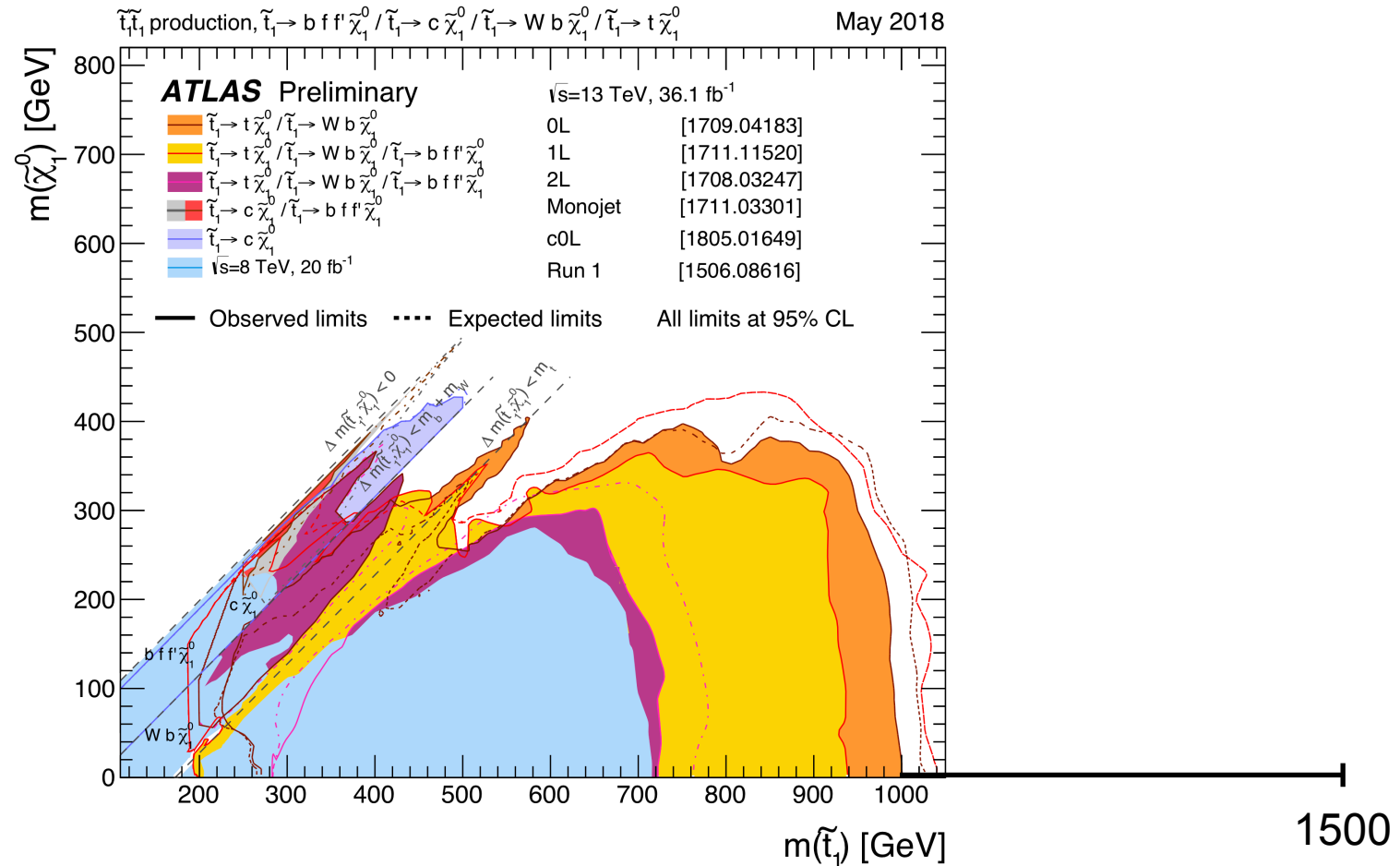
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Wino/bino as lightest electroweakino, # light states is different!

- one neutral state for a light bino;
- one neutral and one charged state for a light wino.

But we haven't found anything yet!

The Stop

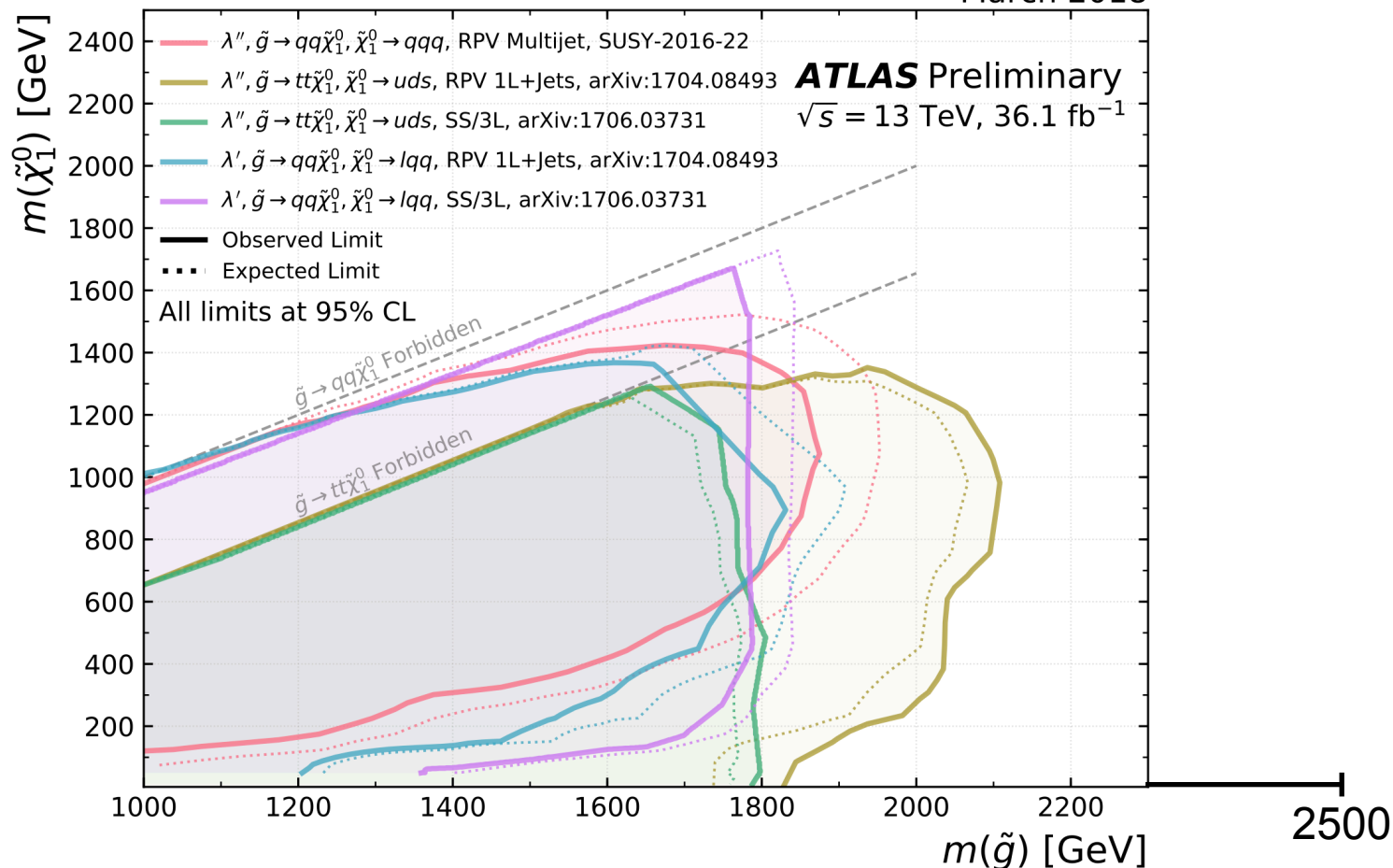


Limits up-to ~1 TeV in stop mass ... but no limits if $m(\text{LSP}) \gtrsim 400$ GeV

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The Gluino

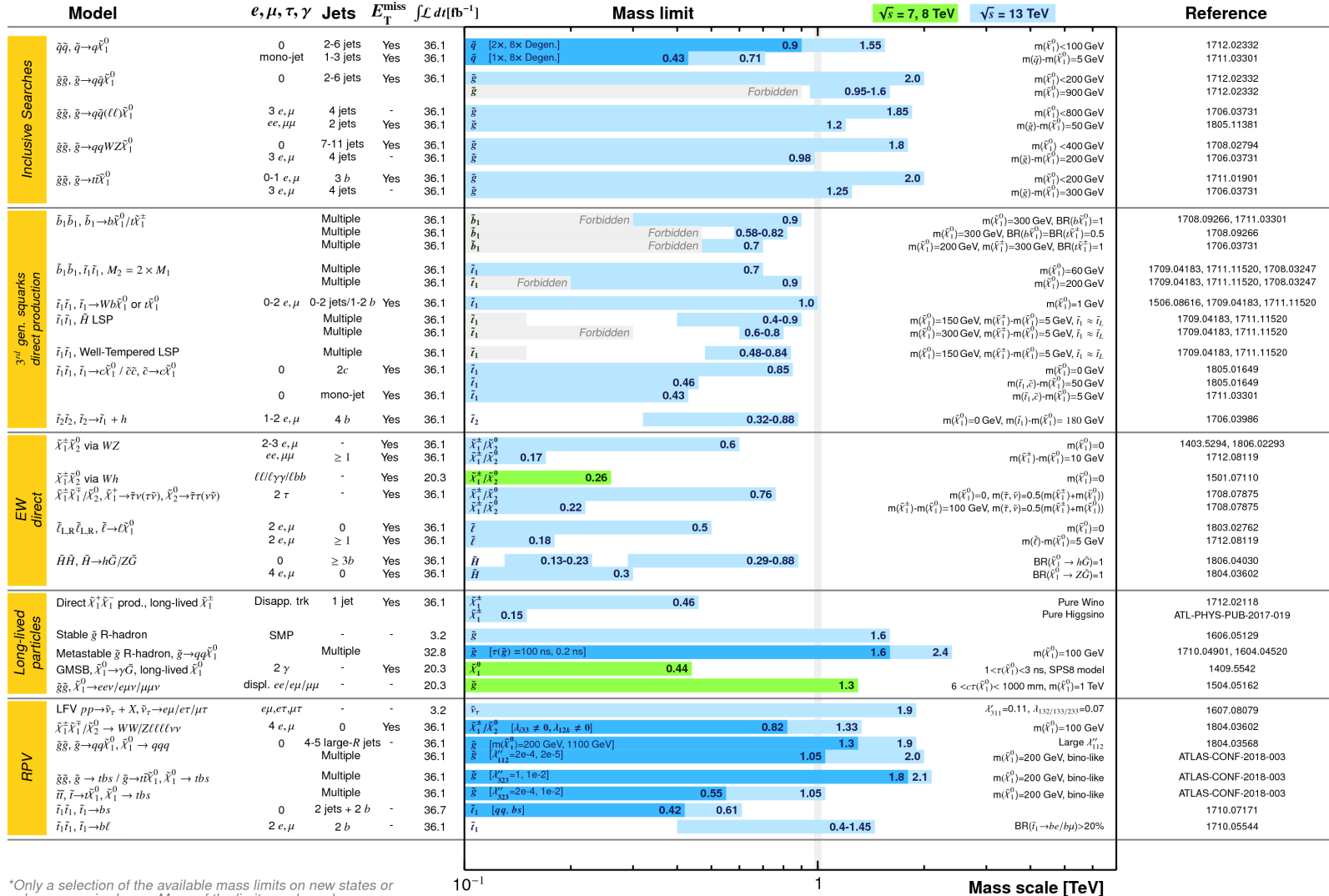
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ATLAS SUSY Summary

ATLAS SUSY Searches* - 95% CL Lower Limits
July 2018

ATLAS Preliminary
 $\sqrt{s} = 7, 8, 13 \text{ TeV}$



*Only a selection of the available mass limits on new states or phenomena is shown. Many of the limits are based on simplified models, c.f. refs. for the assumptions made.

2L Higgsino Search

- **Met** > 200 GeV → trigger
- **p_T(jet1)** > 200 GeV → ISR
- **| Δφ(jet, Met) |** > 1.0 → mis-measured Met
- **nJet(50 GeV)** = 1, 2 → no jets expected from the signal
- **bJet veto** → ttbar background
- **upper cut on lepton p_T** → soft leptons in the final state;
- **upper cut on m_{ll}** → small invariant masses expected;
- **Met/Ht** → good discrimination as seen in the Run-2 analysis;
- **m_{ττ}** → Zττ background;

Making E_T^{miss} with ISR

- With no other final state objects, LSPs are back to back, no E_T^{miss} in event
- Require ISR jet: collimate LSPs, generate measurable E_T^{miss} for trigger

